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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 640.107, 640.150, and 644.101, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to environmental protection.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 640.107, 640.150, and 644.101, RSMo, are repealed
2 and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 640.107,
3 640.150, 640.160, and 644.101, to read as follows:

640.107. 1. There is hereby established, as a subfund of the water and
2 wastewater fund established in section 644.122, RSMo, the "Drinking Water
3 Revolving Fund", which shall be maintained and accounted for separately, and
4 which shall consist of moneys from all lawful public and private sources including
5 legislative appropriations, federal capitalization grants, interest on investments
6 and principal and interest payments with respect to loans made from the
7 drinking water revolving fund. Money in the drinking water revolving fund may
8 be used only for purposes as are authorized in the federal Safe Drinking Water
9 Act, as amended.

10 2. The commission shall, consistent with the requirements of the federal
11 Safe Drinking Water Act for the drinking water revolving fund to become eligible
12 for capitalization grants from the United States Environmental Protection
13 Agency, establish criteria and procedures for the selection of projects and the
14 making of loans or the grant of loan subsidies for disadvantaged communities.

15 3. After providing for review and public comment, and in accordance with
16 the requirements for such plans set forth in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act,
17 the commission shall annually prepare an intended use plan for the funds
18 available in the drinking water revolving fund.

19 4. Consistent with the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water

20 Act, and only to the extent funds are available to be obligated for eligible projects
 21 of public water systems, in developing its annual intended use plan, the
 22 commission shall make available no less than thirty-five percent, but may make
 23 available greater than thirty-five percent, of the moneys credited to the drinking
 24 water revolving fund solely for project loans and loan subsidies for projects of
 25 systems serving fewer than ten thousand people in accordance with the following:

26	Systems Serving:	Percentage:
27	0 - 3,300 people	20%
28	3,301 - 9,999 people	15%

29 provided that, in any fiscal year, loan subsidies may not exceed the maximum
 30 percentage as specified in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. In any fiscal year
 31 in which there are insufficient applicants and projects in the population
 32 categories listed in this subsection to allocate the percentages of funds specified
 33 pursuant to this subsection, any balance of funds otherwise reserved for systems
 34 serving fewer than ten thousand people shall be available for obligation to eligible
 35 projects from any eligible applicant. Such uncommitted balances shall be
 36 redistributed in accordance with the intended use plan.

37 5. The department shall make available two percent of the moneys from
 38 the federal capitalization grants received pursuant to this section for training and
 39 technical assistance to public water systems serving fewer than ten thousand
 40 people. Training and technical assistance provided pursuant to this subsection
 41 shall be consistent with rules of the commission.

42 **6. The state may provide assistance, as funds are available,**
 43 **pursuant to this chapter, to any county, municipality, public water**
 44 **district, public sewer district, or any combination of the same, or any**
 45 **entity eligible pursuant to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as**
 46 **amended, to assist in the construction of public drinking water and**
 47 **water pollution control projects as authorized by the**
 48 **commission. Further, the state may provide additional assistance or**
 49 **subsidies to any eligible entity as described in this subsection in the**
 50 **form of principal forgiveness, negative interest loans, grants, or any**
 51 **combination thereof, to the extent allowed by the American Recovery**
 52 **and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as enacted by the 111th United States**
 53 **Congress, and to the extent funds are made available through such act.**

640.150. 1. The department of natural resources shall be vested with the
 2 powers and duties prescribed by law and shall have the power to carry out the

3 following activities:

4 (1) Assessing the impact of national energy policies on this state's supply
5 and use of energy and this state's public health, safety and welfare;

6 (2) Consulting and cooperating with all state and federal governmental
7 agencies, departments, boards and commissions and all other interested agencies
8 and institutions, governmental and nongovernmental, public and private, on
9 matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and
10 distribution;

11 (3) The monitoring and analyzing of all federal, state, local and
12 voluntarily disclosed private sector energy research projects and voluntarily
13 disclosed private sector energy related data and information concerning supply
14 and consumption, in order to plan for the future energy needs of this state. All
15 information gathered shall be maintained, revised and updated as an aid to any
16 interested person, foundation or other organization, public or private;

17 (4) Analyzing the potential for increased utilization of coal, nuclear, solar,
18 resource recovery and reuse, energy efficient technologies and other energy
19 alternatives, and making recommendations for the expanded use of alternate
20 energy sources and technologies;

21 (5) **Entering into cooperative agreements with other states,**
22 **political subdivisions, or educational institutions for the purpose of**
23 **seeking and securing federal grants for the department and its partners**
24 **in the grants;**

25 (6) The development and promotion of state energy conservation
26 programs, including:

27 (a) Public education and information in energy related areas;

28 (b) Developing energy efficiency standards for agricultural and industrial
29 energy use and for new and existing buildings, to be promoted through technical
30 assistance efforts by cooperative arrangements with interested public, business
31 and civic groups and by cooperating with political subdivisions of this state;

32 (c) Preparing plans for reducing energy use in the event of an energy or
33 other resource supply emergency.

34 2. No funds shall be expended to implement the provisions of this section
35 until funds are specifically appropriated for that purpose. **In order to carry**
36 **out its responsibilities under this section, the department may expend**
37 **any such appropriated funds by entering into agreements, contracts,**
38 **subgrants, or cooperative arrangements under various terms and**

39 conditions in the best interest of the state with other state, federal, or
40 interstate agencies, political subdivisions, not-for-profit entities or
41 organizations, educational institutions, or other energy-using sectors
42 or entities.

640.160. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the
2 "Energy Futures Fund", which shall consist of money appropriated by
3 the general assembly or received from gifts, bequests, donations, or
4 from the federal government. The state treasurer shall be custodian of
5 the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance
6 with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. Notwithstanding the provisions
7 of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the
8 fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
9 general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
10 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and
11 moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

12 2. Upon appropriation, the department of natural resources may
13 use moneys in the fund created under this section for the purposes of
14 carrying out the provisions of sections 640.150 to 640.168 including, but
15 not limited to, energy efficiency programs, energy studies, energy
16 resource analyses, or energy projects. After appropriation, the
17 department may also expend funds for the administration and
18 management of energy responsibilities and activities associated with
19 projects and studies funded from the energy futures fund.

644.101. The state may provide assistance, as funds are available,
2 pursuant to this chapter, to any county, municipality, public water district, public
3 sewer district, or any combination of the same, or any entity eligible pursuant to
4 the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, or the Clean Water Act, as amended,
5 to assist them in the construction of public drinking water and water pollution
6 control projects as authorized by the clean water commission. The state may
7 provide assistance pursuant to this chapter, including but not limited to the
8 purchase of water and/or wastewater revenue or general obligation bonds, bonds
9 of any county, instrumentality of the state, state entity, municipality, public
10 sewer district, public water district, community water system, nonprofit
11 noncommunity water system or any combination of the same, or any entity
12 eligible pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, or the Clean
13 Water Act, as amended. **Further, the state may provide additional**

14 assistance or subsidies to any eligible entity as described in this section
15 in the form of principal forgiveness, negative interest loans, grants, or
16 any combination thereof, to the extent allowed by the American
17 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as enacted by the 111th United
18 States Congress, and to the extent funds are made available through
19 such act.

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